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HIGHLANDS ROTARY receives "Operation Turkey" Award. Club president GayLynn Milliorn accepts award from District 5890 PDG Bob Gebhard. See Story Below.

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P.O. DRAWER 446, HIGHLANDS, TEXAS 77562

## IN THE STARS

### Highlands/ Lynchburg Chamber Lunch Oct. 10

October Luncheon  
Thursday Oct. 10 at 12pm,  
San Jacinto Community  
Center, Highlands..

Speaker will be Nicolas  
Rada of Pct. 3, speaking  
about Flock Cameras,  
which read license plates  
for Public Safety and law  
enforcement.

RSVP to  
[highlandlynchburgchamber@outlook.com](mailto:highlandlynchburgchamber@outlook.com).

### Crosby/Huffman Chamber Lunch Oct. 17th

October Luncheon and  
Board Elections, Thursday  
Oct. 17 from 11:30am. At  
Crosby Church, 5725  
US90, Crosby.

Come to a special  
luncheon as we come  
together to shape the  
future of our chamber with  
the 2024 Board Elections.

#### Agenda:

- Board Elections
- Networking
- Chamber Updates

Tickets on the website:

[crosbyhuffmancc.org](http://crosbyhuffmancc.org).

NOTE: CASINO NIGHT  
CANCELLED.

### Highlands Chamber BINGO Night Oct. 25

Highlands-Lynchburg  
Chamber HIS/HER BINGO  
& DINNER.

Friday, Oct. 25th  
6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm  
Bingo. 6427 East Wallisville  
Road (Look for Balloons).

Tickets \$50, RSVP to  
[allabouthighlands.org](http://allabouthighlands.org) or  
Reba at 281-513-7267.

## Eastside Rotary Clubs hold joint meeting

Four clubs hold  
"collaborative" to  
plan year's events

EAST HARRIS COUN-  
TY - Four Rotary clubs  
from the immediate area  
met for a joint "collabora-  
tive" luncheon meeting  
last Wednesday, October 2.  
The event was held at the  
Jacinto City Town Center,  
and attended by officers  
and members from all four  
clubs.

Rotary District 5890 in



Continued. See ROTARY CLUBS  
MEET, Page 2.

ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTS and Dignitaries at the Collaborative Meeting included, L to R, Stan Galunski, Galena Park/Jacinto City; Paula Torres, Baytown; Danna Nino, North Shore; Juan Ramirez, Galena Park/Jacinto City; GayLynn Milliorn, Highlands; and District 5890 Governor Nancy Anderson.

## Crosby ISD Launches Bullying Prevention Campaign and Celebrates October Milestones

Hello East Harris Coun-  
ty and Crosby ISD families,

October is Bullying Pre-  
vention Month, and Cros-  
by ISD is launching a  
campaign to show students  
the better path. Through-  
out the month, we will be  
promoting kindness, ac-  
ceptance, and inclusion.  
Crosby / Barrett Station  
truly have the best chil-  
dren in the state, and we  
want to make sure we  
equip them to make the  
best choices possible and  
be the kindest Cougars  
they can be. On Wednes-  
day, October 16, we're ask-  
ing everyone in the district  
to wear orange in honor of  
Unity Day. Orange is a  
bright color that denotes  
safety and visibility. Uni-



Paula Patterson  
Crosby Superintendent

ty Day exemplifies our  
commitment to take a  
stand against bullying, but  
our commitment won't end  
at Unity Day.

Our Student Services  
department is partnering  
with our campuses to  
launch a year-long anti-  
bullying campaign. Topics

will be covered in class-  
rooms, ranging from cyber-  
bullying (October), to  
substance misuse and  
abuse (November), to what  
bullying looks like (Decem-  
ber), to human trafficking  
(January), HEY! kindness  
campaign (February),  
classroom discussions and  
climate surveys of stu-  
dents (March), and ending  
with our "Don't Be a Bul-  
ly, Be a Friend" campaign  
in April/May.

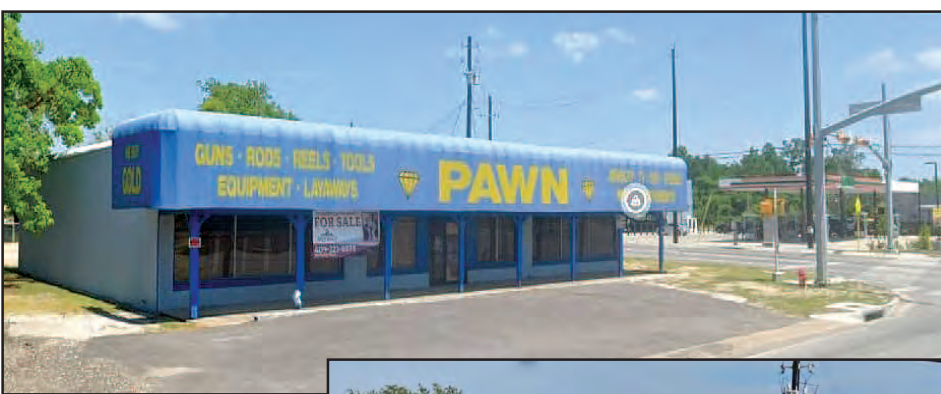
Also, this month, we are  
officially kicking off the  
"Pages for Pizza" reading  
incentive program we've  
talked so much about.  
First and second grade  
students in Crosby ISD will

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CROSBY SUPERINTENDENT, Page 6



Marco's Pizza owner, Mr. Clarence Howell, was honored as Business Partner of the Month at the September Board of Trustees meeting. Marco's Pizza is sponsoring this year's reading incentive program, "Pages for Pizza."

## Highlands Progress: GOODBYE Rodgers Dry Goods Store, HELLO Taco Bell



HIGHLANDS - The iconic old  
Rodgers Dry Goods store at  
the corner of N. Main and Wallisville  
has been sold to developers for a new  
Taco Bell Restaurant, according to  
the previous owners, the Woods  
family. Old-time Highlands residents  
remember when this building was  
the T.M. Wolverton Super Market,  
and Rodgers Dry Goods.

Demolition was completed last  
week, and construction has already  
started on the new fast food  
restaurant.



## State sues to block County's "Uplift 2.0" subsidy program

### Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee Responds to New Lawsuit Over Harris County Guaranteed Income Program

Houston, Texas — The  
Office of the Attorney Gen-  
eral of Texas has sued Har-  
ris County over the coun-  
ty's Community Prosper-  
ity Program. The pro-  
gram provides \$500 per  
month via a preloaded deb-  
it card which comes with  
spending restrictions. Fam-  
ilies eligible for this pro-  
gram live below 200%  
of the federal poverty line.

The program was devel-  
oped after the Texas Su-  
preme Court froze another  
Harris County program,  
Uplift Harris, which would  
have provided \$500 a  
month to underserved  
County residents with few-  
er spending restrictions.

The Community Prosper-  
ity Program incorporated  
guidance from the Texas  
Supreme Court by limiting  
the categories of items par-  
ticipants could purchase  
with the funds, such as  
housing, utilities, trans-  
portation, groceries, medi-  
cal care, professional  
development, bill pay-  
ments, clothing, and other  
essential needs.

Harris County Attorney  
Christian D. Menefee, who  
represents Harris County  
in all civil litigation, issued  
the following statement:  
"After a lawsuit from Ken  
Paxton regarding the Uplift  
Harris program, Harris  
County created a new ini-  
tiative that addresses the  
state's concerns while still  
offering financial stability to  
our neighbors who need it  
most.


If it wasn't clear before,  
it should be clear now that  
the opposition to this pro-

gram is not about concern  
for the law; it's about us-  
ing people living in pov-  
erty as a means to score  
political points.

In Harris County, we  
understand the need to  
tackle the real problems  
people face. Folks in Aus-  
tin may not prioritize help-  
ing those in need, but they  
shouldn't stand in the way  
of much-needed support.  
Once again, I am ready to  
defend the county and this  
program in court."

About the Harris County  
Attorney's Office


Christian D. Menefee serves  
as the elected, top civil lawyer  
for Texas' largest county. The  
Harris County Attorney's Of-  
fice represents the county in all  
civil matters including law-  
suits. Menefee leads an office  
of 250 attorneys and staff  
members. He entered office at  
32 years old, making him the  
youngest person and first Af-  
rican American elected as the  
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# GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS

## Goose Creek CISD Expands Apple Distinguished Schools Recognition, Adding Four New Campuses to Elite Group

Apple Education recently renewed the certification of Austin Elementary and added Goose Creek Memorial High School, Alamo Elementary, EF Green Junior School, and Crockett Elementary School to its group of Apple Distinguished Schools in Goose Creek CISD. The campuses join Gentry Junior School and Lee High School in this prestigious recognition.

The Apple Distinguished School Award is granted to schools that demonstrate a clear vision for educational excellence and incorporate Apple technology to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking among students. Currently, there are 889 campuses in the world, across 37 countries. Texas has a total of 43 Apple Distinguished Schools, with 14 in the greater Houston area – 7 of which are in Goose Creek CISD!

Matt Flood, Assistant Superintendent of Technology explained, "We are embracing innovation in education, proven through the renewal and expansion of our Apple Distinguished Schools in Goose Creek CISD. These additions reflect our commitment to creativity and excellence, ensuring that every student has access to transformative learning experiences."

Goose Creek CISD remains dedicated to providing students with the best tools and resources to prepare them for success in an ever-evolving world. This recognition wouldn't have been possible without the incredible efforts of the teachers, staff, students, and parents. Their commitment to creating a dynamic and forward-thinking learning environment is what makes the district the top choice for families in the Baytown and Highlands area.



Austin Elementary School (Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman:)



Alamo Elementary School (Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman:)



Crockett Elementary School (Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman)



Goose Creek Memorial High School (Photo by Yulia Trujillo-Rodriguez)



EF Green Junior School (Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman)

## Rotary Clubs hold joint collaborative meeting,

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MAJOR DONORS RECOGNIZED: Rotarians who have contributed or pledged financial support to Rotary International of at least \$1000 per year, or \$5000 White Hat donors, or Major Donors \$10,000 were thanked at the meeting: Bill Palko, Denise Smith, Danna Nino, Tom Kelchner, Nancy Anderson, and Maria Cortez-Ochoa.

the Houston region has about 35 clubs, and about 3000 members. The head of the organization this year is District Governor Nancy Anderson, from the Space Center Club. Anderson made a presentation of her vision for the District's activities for the coming year, and the vision of the International Rotary organization.

Representatives from the four participating clubs were the following club presidents: Paula Torres, Baytown; Gay-Lynn Milliorn, Highlands; Danna Nino, North Shore; and Juan Ramirez, Galena Park/Jacinto City.

Anderson spoke about the clean water initiative worldwide, and literacy

projects. She gave an update on the Polio Plus program, who with partners is a priority project for Rotary International. She noted that worldwide, there are 1.4 million Rotarians engaged in these types of humanitarian projects.

She said that District 5890 has 28 Assistant District Governors that meet with the area clubs, and promote such activities as community service projects and membership drives.

The meeting included recognition awards, for Major Donors, Club Projects in our communities, and at Thanksgiving a food distribution to needy families known as "Operation Turkey."

Operation Turkey is headed by Past District Governor Bob Gebhard, and Rotarian Tim Stroud. Gebhard gave out appreciation awards for clubs that supported the effort. He noted that last year, over 11,300 homes were supplied with their Thanksgiving dinner.

District Governor Anderson thanked everyone for attending, and for their year-long commitment to Rotary. She said that this year she expected more club interaction, with clubs supporting and helping other clubs with their projects.

This was in fact one of the reasons for the collaborative meeting, and it seemed to kick-off a great start on the idea.



CLUB AWARDS: Maria Cortez-Ochoa, past president of the Galena Park/Jacinto City club, received an award from DG Nancy Anderson and emcee Juan Ramirez.



CLUB AWARDS: Danna Nino, president of the North Shore club, received an award from DG Nancy Anderson and emcee Juan Ramirez.

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### ON THE HILL

## Liberty Development Partners acquires 1,149 acres to Expand Gulf Inland Logistics Park in Dayton

Rail-served industrial hub, located northeast of Houston, offers unparalleled advantages for businesses aiming to boost their supply chain efficiencies.

Gulf Inland Logistics Park, managed and developed by Liberty Development Partners, on Monday, Sept. 30, announced that it has completed the acquisition of 1,149 acres of prime industrial real estate in Dayton, Texas, along the Grand Parkway, south of Highway 90. The property, purchased from seller Sammi Damek, will be utilized to further expand Gulf Inland Logistics Park, which is in phase two of a three-phase expansion that will total 3,800 acres.

"The acquisition of this key parcel marks a pivotal step in realizing our vision for Gulf Inland Logistics Park. With multiple manufacturing and storage facilities already under construction and more in the pipeline, we're rapidly transforming this area into the dynamic industrial and transportation hub we envisioned," said Marcus Goering, Principal of Liberty Development Partners.

Key players in the acquisition include Tony Patronella of Read King, Logan Havel, and Charles Blaschke of Edge Realty Partners who represented the seller, and John Littman, Kelley Parker, and Coe Parker of Cushman & Wakefield and the Texas Industrial Realty team who represented Liberty Development Partners.



"While it wasn't without challenges, we are thrilled to have had the opportunity to be a part of getting this transaction across the finish line," said Logan Havel, Vice President at Edge. "With the quality jobs Gulf Inland Logistics Park will create and the residential and economic growth that will follow as a result, we expect the project to be a boon to Dayton and Liberty County."

"Gulf Inland Logistics Park is emerging as a pivotal force in regional economic development, attracting manufacturing, industrial, and energy companies looking to streamline their supply chains. With its expanded acreage, the park is well-positioned to meet the growing demand for strategically located, rail-served industrial facilities. Its proximity to major ports, urban centers, and transportation arteries offers businesses unparalleled connectivity and

efficiency," said Paul Connor, Principal of Connor Investment Real Estate, a Houston-based private equity real estate firm focused on risk-mitigated investment strategies in residential, industrial, and commercial development and ready-to-develop real estate.

Gulf Inland Logistics Park's strategic location offers an ideal environment for industrial, commercial, and retail development. Within a 40-minute radius, it has access to a skilled and reliable workforce of over 2.3 million people. Gulf Inland Logistics Park also benefits from its proximity to major transportation arteries, including Downtown Houston, the Port of Houston, and The Woodlands.

CMC Railroad provides comprehensive on-site rail services at Gulf Inland Logistics Park. These services include storage for over 3,000 railcars, railcar re-

pair, and transportation operations. The park's rail infrastructure is a key asset, providing businesses with efficient and cost-effective transportation solutions, and making the site an essential logistics hub in the region.

**About Gulf Inland Logistics Park** One of the few dual rail-served sites available in the region, Gulf Inland Logistics Park provides a world-class site for logistics, transportation, and manufacturing businesses to locate and grow. Gulf Inland Logistics Park features immediate access to the two largest US Class I Railroads, the BNSF Railway and the Union Pacific Railroad. CMC Railroad has a planned capacity of more than 3,000 railcars.

The park's location at the intersection of the Grand Parkway and US Highway 90 also provides nearby access to Interstate 10, Interstate 59, Interstate 45, and State High-

way 146. Gulf Inland Logistics Park is also within 100 miles of five Texas ports – Houston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Galveston, and Freeport. Gulf Inland offers spaces for sale, lease, or build to suit from 100,000 square feet to 1,500,000 square feet. The site offers more than 10 million sq. ft. of industrial, office, and commercial buildings. For more information on Gulf Inland Logistics Park, visit

[www.gulf inlandlogisticspark.com/](http://www.gulf inlandlogisticspark.com/)

### About Liberty Development Partners

Liberty Development Partners is a joint effort between Connor Investment Real Estate and Logistics and Development Resources dedicated to the funding and development of Gulf Inland Logistics Park and future logistics, manufacturing, and rail-served projects. Paul Connor, Principal of Connor Investment Real Estate, has managed \$1 billion in real estate investment and development since 2001. Marcus Goering, Principal of Logistics and Development Resources, served as President of CMC Railroad from 2010 until 2019 and has more than 35 years of transportation and real estate development experience. Together, they are working to transform Gulf Inland Logistics Park into a world-class logistics center for companies to grow their business and operations. For more information, visit [Logistics Development Resources](http://LogisticsDevelopmentResources.com) and Connor Investment Real Estate.

### Hurricane Helene Relief Drive



#### URGENT NEEDS

- Bottled Water
- Non-Perishable Food
- Baby Diapers and Wipes
- Baby Formula
- Dog & Cat Food
- Batteries
- Blankets
- Plastic Totes
- Tarps Socks
- Undergarments
- Children's Clothing
- Adult Clothing
- Cleaning Supplies
- Medicine
- Feminine Hygiene Products

#### DONATION LOCATIONS

Cowboy's Corporate Office  
24095 1-10  
Wallisville, TX 77597  
Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Chambers County Economic Development

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Anahuac, TX 77514  
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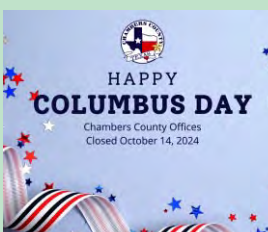
#### DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH OCTOBER 17

Contact Cowboy's Ready Mix with Questions at 281-385-5650



Chambers County has partnered with Cowboy's Ready Mix to collect donations for those affected by Hurricane Helene. Donations will be accepted through October 17

### Chambers County Offices Closed for Columbus Day



Please be aware that all Chambers County offices will be closed on October 14, 2024, in observance of Columbus Day.

We will resume normal business hours on October 15.

Thank you for your understanding, and enjoy the holiday!

## Elementary Student Recovering After Being Struck by Barbers Hill ISD Bus; Investigation Underway

An elementary school student is recovering at a Houston hospital after being struck by a Barbers Hill Independent School District bus Thursday morning, according to the district.

The crash happened at 7:40 a.m., just before school, on Sapphire Lagoon Street in the Joseph's Cove subdivision.



Officials said the Elementary School South student was taken by EMS to a local hospital for medical treatment. The extent of injuries were being assessed but they are non-life threatening.

The bus driver and two passengers on the bus at the time of the crash were not injured.

The details surrounding the crash or the cause of the accident is being investigated. Barbers Hill ISD is working with local authorities to help assist in the investigation.

This is the second bus incident reported in the Houston area Thursday that has resulted in injuries.

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## EARLY VOTING IN CHAMBERS COUNTY

**EARLY VOTING DATES**

- Oct. 21 through Oct. 25 | 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Oct. 26 | 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 27 | 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oct. 28 through Nov. 1 | 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**

- Chambers County Health & Wellness Center | 102 Airport Rd, Anahuac, TX
- Mark Huddleston Comm. Building | 924 SH 124, Winnie, TX
- BH ISD Community Election Center | 9650 Eagle Drive, Entrance 32, Mont Belvieu, TX
- West Side Complex | 8138 FM 3246, Baytown, TX
- JP 6 Courtroom | 7711 Hwy 146, Baytown, TX
- (Limited Voting) Chambers County Clerk's Office | 404 Washington Ave, Anahuac, TX

**VOTE**

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OPINION PAGE

OPINION

By BILL KING



A Future with Fewer Children

As my regular readers know, I have been calling your attention to the dramatic decline in the fertility rate across the world, for some time now.

However, some countries have fallen well below the replacement rate and their populations have already begun to decline.

I recently travelled to Italy and Greece and saw firsthand what this future looks like. During my time there, the paucity of children was not only noticeable; it was almost eerie.

Today there are about 1.9 million Greeks under the age of 20, making up about 19% of the total population. In 1990, there were 2.8 million Greeks under the age of 20 making up 28% of the population.

The decline was evident as I traveled in these two countries. Particularly poignant were the number of shuttered schools. Several of our guides had gone to school to become teachers or professors but were unable to find a job when they completed their education.

The low birth rates have already caused both countries to start losing population. Greece is down about 5% from its peak in 2003 and Italy about 4% since its peak in 2010.

In the U.S., the fertility rate has been below the replacement rate since the early 1970s. Earlier this year, the National Center for Health Statistics announced that the fertility rate for the U.S. dropped in 2023 to an all-time low.

I call this new demographic reality to your attention not to suggest that it is inherently a good or bad thing or that we should do something to try to reverse it.

It is noteworthy because we need to be making policy decisions based on this new reality and not the misplaced belief or hope that population growth will continue at the pace of the last century.

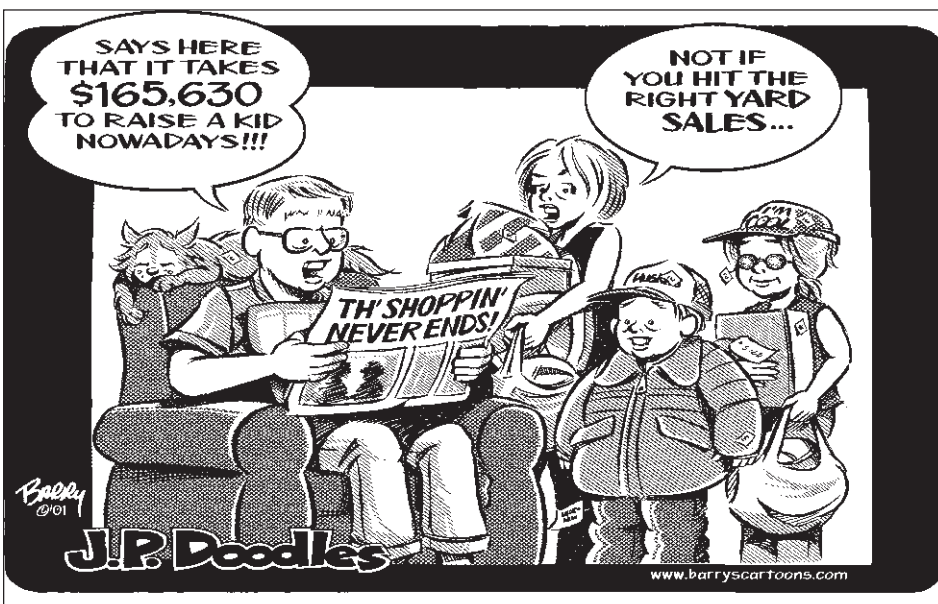
For example, does HISD really need to spend \$4.4 billion on its elementary schools when its enrollment has already dropped by a quarter over the last decade?

There may be good reasons to do some of these things. HISD had not renovated its elementary schools in decades. The freeway system around downtown is, and has been for some time, well beyond its original design capacity.

But the critical point is that we need to be sure that our policy choices are based on realistic population projections. I can promise you this: there are not many schools being built in Greece or Italy these days.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Opinions expressed here are not necessarily that of this newspaper or its staff. YOUR OPINION is welcome. Send a letter for possible publication to Grafikpress Newspapers, 5906 Star Lane, Houston TX 77057 or an email to GRAFIKSTAR@aol.com.

Americanisms
'It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.' - Frederick Douglass



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Phelan's GOP Foes Back one Challenger

Texas House Republicans who want to oust Speaker Dade Phelan have coalesced behind a single opponent: state Rep. David Cook, R-Mansfield.

Phelan's opponents, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, claim he has given too much power to Democrats by naming some to lead legislative committees.

"This vote highlights the growing momentum for change within the Texas House, as members rally behind a shared vision of a decentralized leadership model that empowers all members," Cook said in a statement.

Phelan is seeking his third term as speaker after narrowly surviving a challenge for re-election to represent his district in the GOP primary, winning a runoff election.

"Not only are their actions disappointing and unacceptable, they are futile, as I proudly have the clear majority votes needed to be the Speaker today and will have the clear majority support needed to become Speaker again come January," Phelan said in a statement.

POLLS SHOW NEAR TIE IN CRUZ-ALLRED RACE

The U.S. Senate race in Texas has tightened, with a poll last week showing Democratic challenger Colin Allred nearly within the margin of error in his race against incumbent Republican Ted Cruz.

Cruz is seeking his third term in the Senate. He won his last race against challenger Beto O'Rourke by just 2.6 points.

The tightening race prompted the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Com-



mittee to announce last week that it is sending millions of advertising dollars to Texas to boost his campaign. The committee plants to put its money toward airing more Allred campaign ads.

"But it is his message," Peters said. "He knows Texas inside and out."

TEXAS SUPREME COURT RULES ON GUN BAN AT STATE FAIR

The State Fair of Texas opened last week with its newly enacted ban on weapons intact after the Texas Supreme Court rejected a challenge by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton just 13 hours earlier.

Two lower courts also rejected Paxton's attempt to lift the ban, enacted after three fairgoers were injured in a shooting incident last year.

The state fair runs through Sunday, Oct. 20.

PARTY GAME COMPANY SUES SPACEX FOR TRESPASSING

Cards Against Humanity, makers of a humorous adult party game, is suing Elon Musk's SpaceX company for trespassing and damaging land the company purchased in Cameron County.

chased the land in 2017 to send a political message to then-President Donald Trump's campaign to not build a border wall.

KUT reported that the company raised money to purchase the land by soliciting \$15 donations from 150,000 people. It says the land has been kept in its pristine state, but SpaceX has dumped gravel, tractors, and space garbage on it.

A website maintained by the company announced it is seeking \$15 million in damages and displayed photos purportedly showing "before and after" images of its land. SpaceX did not respond for comment from Texas Public Radio.

GOING LIGHTS OUT FOR MIGRATING BIRDS

Audubon Texas is asking residents to not leave the porch lights on this fall, during peak migration season for millions of birds. The Texas Standard reported the 2024 Lights Out, Texas, campaign is underway, and Texans are urged to turn off unnecessary lights to minimize light pollution.

Up to 1 billion birds are killed each year due to collisions with buildings. Peak migration runs through Oct. 29, with fall migration ending around Nov. 30. One of every four birds migrating through the U.S. passes through Texas, according to Audubon Texas.

Building owners, businesses, developers and homeowners can help protect migrating birds by turning off all nonessential lighting from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night. Lighting shields that direct light downward can reduce bird casualties.

LOOKING BACK ON LAST SUMMER'S WEATHER

The summer of 2024 is in the books, and Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, says it ended up in the middle of the pack when compared to the last 25 summers - the 12th most miserable during that time period.

The amount of the state in drought declined to 28 percent from a high of 88 percent during the summer of 2022, Wentzel wrote. Last summer certainly was an improvement over the two previous, which were considered the second and third most miserable in the past quarter century.

Relatively plentiful rain made last summer seem more tolerable, but records indicate it was the fourth-hottest summer of the past 25 years.

Thank goodness for autumn.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Future Me



I'm usually pretty good about doing things I don't want to do. I've been alive long enough to know that getting starting is always the hardest part. But nothing is harder for me to start than doing weights.

I say "doing" weights because I don't actually lift anything other than myself. I started out with push-ups because a friend suggested a "100-push-up challenge."

But I did them almost every day, and I went from 30 to 50 (where I stayed for a full year) to 75, and, finally, to 100. Then I discovered I could do 110 and, by the end, I was able to do 200 push-ups at a time.

Was my form perfect? It was not. I couldn't care less. I did them fast and sloppy and got them over with. But my arms got a lot stronger, and I hoped my genetic inclination toward osteoporosis might be helped.

But I finally got to a point where I absolutely dreaded push-ups. I stopped doing them for days at a time. It takes a while to do 200 push-ups, and I hated every moment of it.

So, I decided to do something different. There is a small gym in the building where I live, and it has machines in it. I'd never used any of these machines. They terrified me. But my 16-year-old nephew, Beau, started lifting weights two years ago. He is very muscular now and goes to the gym several times a week.

"What do I do, Beau?" "All you need is this machine," he said, pointing to the scariest one. He sounded sure of himself, and Beau is a fellow who does a lot of research before he comes out with pronouncements.

"Just this machine?" "Yup. If you want to work upper body, this will do it."

Beau showed me three exercises I could do on the one machine, and I became determined to use this machine every day. And I did. For a while. Then I began to hate it almost as much as push-ups.

I had to get dressed to go to the gym (even if it was just downstairs). I had to put on my shoes (and we all know how hard that can be). Sometimes I had to do my exercises in front of other people. (They were not the least bit interested, but still.)

And I started avoiding it, just as I had the push-ups.

"Maybe I don't have to do weights at all," I told myself. "Maybe I've done enough!" But I didn't feel good. And I knew Future Me would be disappointed in Past Me.

So, I've started up again. I'm not pretending I love doing weights, but I'm not complaining as much, either. Because even if I only do one short set, I feel better afterward. I feel stronger and more confident—but not really because my arms are stronger. I feel stronger when I do something I truly detest, even for a short time, because I decided to do it and did it. I did something just because it was the right thing to do.

I remind myself that I'm doing a favor for Future Me. I sure hope she appreciates it.

Till next time, Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 6:

Texas, OU continue rivalry in SEC: Huge weekend for college football

The second week of October hopefully will bring fall-like temperatures and while we wait for that, we do know that the second week of October also features Texas versus Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl with the Texas State Fair as a backdrop.

No. 2-ranked Texas faces No. 19-ranked OU, which will be the first meeting of these two teams as members of the SEC. These two long-time rivals first met in 1900 and the game has been played annually since 1929 (Texas leads the overall series, 65-51-5). They played when OU was a member of the Big 8 and UT was a member of the SWC and the rivalry continued when both were members of the Big 12 Conference and it will continue now that they are members of the SEC.

Both teams had an extra week to prepare for this game and Texas could use the extra week after Steve Sarkisian's team struggled a bit against Mississippi St., one of the league's weaker teams, two weeks ago before pulling out a 35-13 victory. OU picked up a nice road win at Auburn, rallying from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to pull out a 27-21 win.

This is the first of two tough games for UT as the 'Horns follow this one up with a visit from No. 5-ranked Georgia on Oct. 19.

While much of the focus will be on OU-UT, especially in Texas and Oklahoma, there are a number of other big matchups this weekend.

No. 12-ranked Ole Miss visits No. 13-ranked LSU, while No. 7 Penn State heads to LA to take on No. 11-ranked USC and perhaps the game of the week will occur in Eugene, OR when No. 3-ranked Ohio State visits No. 6-ranked Oregon in a big Big 10 contest.

In the NFL, the Texans head to Foxborough to take on a struggling New England team, while Detroit heads to Jerry World to take on the Cowboys in a rematch of last year's Week 17 meeting where the Cowboys survived the Lions with a controversial 20-19 win at home. In that game, the officials took away a two-point conversion from the Lions that could have been the winning points when it was determined offensive lineman Taylor Decker was called for an illegal touching penalty for not reporting as eligible, which wiped out what might have been the game-winning play of the game with 23 seconds left. The Cowboys ultimately denied the Lions' 2-point retry and won 20-19. You'd better believe Detroit head coach Dan Campbell won't let his team forget about that play.

Week 6 starts with a key NFC West meeting when San Francisco visits Seattle, Week 6 concludes with Monday Night Football with a big AFC East contest as the Buffalo visits the New York Jets.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. A 9-3 week got things back on track and upped the season record to 40-20 (66%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

Ole Miss at LSU - The Ole Miss Rebels were rolling after their first four games of the season, averaging a whopping 55 points per contest, but then Lane Kiffin's team dropped an unexplainable 20-17 loss at home to a two-win Kentucky team. If the Rebels are going to remain alive in the College Football Playoff picture, they will need a big win at LSU on Saturday. Good luck with that. Ole Miss has a potent offense led by QB Jaxson Dart (1,815 passing yards, 13 TDs/112 rushing yards, 1 TD), running back Henry Parrish Jr. (489 yards, 8 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Tre Harris (49 receptions, 804 yards, 5 TDs). The Tigers can light it up on offense as well behind QB Garrett Nussmeier (1,652 yards, 15 TDs), running back Caden Durham (244 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Aaron Anderson (27 receptions, 371 yards, 2 TDs) and Kyren Lacy (25 receptions, 352 yards, 2 TDs). The Tigers are tough at home, which Mississippi will discover come Saturday. My pick, LSU

KEENEY'S KORNER By MIKE KEENEY

Mississippi 31

Penn State at USC - No. 7 Penn State visits No. 11 USC in an important Big 10 game for both teams. The Nittany Lions have a balanced offense led by QB Dew Allar (864 yards, 8 TDs), running back Nicholas Singleton (408 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Tyler Warren (20 receptions, 260 yards, 2 TDs). USC has offensive weapons as well led by QB Miller Moss (1,198 yards, 8 TDs), running back Woody Marks (334 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Ja'Kobi Lane (19 receptions, 221 yards, 5 TDs). This will be a good road test for PSU and I think they have the better defense, which should be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Penn State 26, USC 23

Ohio State at Oregon - A big one in the Big 10 as No. 3 Ohio State heads to the Pacific Northwest to take on No. 6 Oregon. The winner of this one will get a huge CFP resume enhancer, while the loser will probably need to win out to be considered for an at-large bid. The Buckeyes offense has averaged 48.7 points in their first four games (all wins), while the defense has been outstanding allowing just 27 points (6 points per game). Oregon has struggled a big, but did win its first four games heading into last Friday's game against Michigan State. The Oregon defense will have its hands full with a potent OSU offense, led by QB Will Howard (1,039. Yards, 8 TDs), running back Quinshon Judkins (390 yards, 5 TDs) and TreVeyon Henderson (276 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receivers Jeremiah Smith (19 receptions, 364 yards, 5 TDs) and Emeka Egbuka (21 receptions, 362 yards, 2 TDs). Oregon can move the ball as well behind QB Dillon Gabriel (1,192 yards, 9 TDs), running back Jordan James (386 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Tez Johnson (33 receptions, 311 yards, 4 TDs). This will be a tough, and long trip, for the Buckeyes, but I think they pull out a wild, high-scoring game on Saturday in Eugene. My pick, Ohio State 34, Oregon 31

Texas vs. Oklahoma - No. 2 Texas and No. 19 OU meet up in the Red River Rivalry and there's a lot more at stake than just bragging rights. Texas wants to keep its undefeated season going, while the Sooners would like nothing more than to throw a monkey wrench in those plans, just as it did a year ago when it upset them No. 3-ranked Texas 34-30. Sarkisian can't let that happen again this year, not with Georgia on tap the following week in Austin. Texas should have starting QB Quinn Ewers (691 yards, 8 TDs in 3 games) back for this one after he missed two games with an abdominal injury. If Ewers is sidelined, UT will be in good shape with back up Arch Manning (900 yards, 9 TDs) under center. Texas needs a big game from running back Jayden Blue (239 yards, 4 TDs) to open up the passing game for wide receivers Isaiah Bond (20 receptions, 364 yards, 3 TDs), Ryan Wingo (11 receptions, 247 yards, 2 TDs) and Matthew Golden (18 receptions, 223 yards, 3 TDs). OU head coach Brent Venables benched starting QB Jackson Arnold (538 yards, 7 TDs) after OU's home loss to Tennessee and turned the offense over to true freshman Michael Hawkins (310 yards, 1 TD). We shall see if Hawkins can handle the big stage of the Cotton Bowl and the rivalry come Saturday. My pick, Texas 36, Oklahoma 24

NFL

San Francisco at Seattle - A good one to start Week 6 in the NFL on Thursday Night Football pits the 49ers against the Seahawks. These two teams do not like one another, so expect a physical game on Thursday. Two weeks ago, the 49ers got back on the winning track with an easy win over New England, while Seattle fell to Detroit on Monday Night Football, 42-29. The 49ers should still be without starting running back Christian McCaffrey, but backup Jordan

Mason (447 yards, 3 TDs) has filled in well. QB Brock Purdy (1,130 yards, 5 TDs), will be looking to make plays in the passing game to Deebo Samuel (16 receptions, 222 yards), while Seattle will look for QB Geno Smith (1,182 yards, 4 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (183 yards, 4 TDs, 3 coming in the Detroit loss) and DK Metcalf (24 receptions, 366 yards, 2 TDs) to be their usual consistent self. Seattle is tough to beat at home, which the 49ers will discover come Thursday. My pick, Seattle 26, San Francisco 20

Houston at New England - The Texans need to take care of business early against a bad Patriots team. Look for QB C.J. Stroud (1,054 yards, 6 TDs) to come out firing to wide receiver Nico Collins (30 receptions, 489 yards, 2 TDs) and Stefon Diggs (25 receptions, 233 yards, 2 TDs) and Houston hopes running back Joe Mixon (184 yards, 1 TD in 2 games) is back for this one. New England is not good on offense, so look for the Houston defense to take the starch out of them early as the Texans pick up a nice road win. My pick, Houston 30, New England 13

Detroit at Dallas - The Lions will be out for revenge after last year's controversial loss to the Cowboys in Week 17. The Dallas defense has trouble stopping the run, so look for the Lions to give the Cowboys 'D' a steady dose of running back Jahmyr Gibbs (285 yards, 3 TDs) and David Montgomery, which should open up things for QB Jared Goff (1,015 yards, 5 TDs) to make plays downfield to wide outs Jameson Williams (13 receptions, 289 yards, 22.2 yards per catch, 2 TDs) and Amon-Ra St. Brown (27 receptions, 252 yards, 2 TDs). Dallas will need a big game from QB Dak Prescott (1,072 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (20 receptions, 316 yards, 2 TDs). The Dallas defense might be without defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence (foot injury) and linebacker Micah Parsons (high ankle sprain). If those two are out, it could be a long day for Cowboy fans. My pick, Detroit 31, Dallas 18

Buffalo at New York Jets - Week 6 concludes on Monday Night Football with a key AFC East contest pitting Buffalo against the Jets. Two weeks ago, both teams suffered tough losses, as the Bills lost 35-10 at Baltimore, and the Jets were embarrassed at home by Denver, 10-9. NY QB Aaron Rodgers (849 yards, 5 TDs) needs to get things going and he could use a big night from running back Breece Hall (174 rushing yards, 2 TDs/18 receptions, 134 yards, 1 TD) and wide receiver Garrett Wilson (20 receptions, 191 yards, 1 TD). The Bills will hope QB Josh Allen (814 passing yards, 7 TDs/106 rushing yards, 2 TDs), running back James Cook (227 yards, 4 total TDs), wide receiver Khalil Shakir (18 receptions, 230 yards, 2 TDs) and tight end Dalton Kinkaid (13 receptions, 132 yards, 1 TD) bounce back after a subpar performance against the Ravens. It says here they will and if the Jets lose at home, head coach Robert Salah's seat will begin to get warm. My pick, Buffalo 26, New York Jets 23

Hispanic Heritage Month Honoree - (4TH of a series)

Celebrating Selena Gomez

By Allan Jamail

Selena Marie Gomez was born on July 22, 1992; She was named after the famous Tejano singer Selena Quintanilla, who died in 1995. She's an American singer, actress, producer, and businesswoman. She began her career as a child actress, starring on the children's television series Barney & Friends (2002-2004), and rose to prominence as a teen idol. As a singer, she signed with Hollywood Records in 2008 and formed the pop rock band Selena Gomez & the Scene. The band released three studio albums, all of which have been certified gold or higher by the RIAA.



Selena Gomez

Bloomberg Financial News stated that at age 32, she had become "one of the country's youngest female self-made billionaires". As of 2024, Gomez is the most-followed woman on Instagram.

Selena Marie Gomez was born on July 22, 1992, in Grand Prairie, Texas, to Ricardo Joel Gomez and Texas-born former stage actress Mandy Teefey. Her father is of Mexican descent, while her mother, who was adopted, has Italian ancestry. Gomez's paternal grandparents immigrated to Texas from Monterrey in the 1970s. Of her heritage, Gomez has said she is "a proud third-generation American-Mexican" and "My family does have quinceañeras, and we go to the communion church. We do everything that's Catholic, but we don't really have anything traditional except go to the park and have barbecues on Sundays after church. Gomez's Spanish fluency waned after age seven, when she began working on television. Her parents divorced when she was five years old, and she remained with her mother. Gomez has two younger half-sisters and a younger stepbrother: Gracie Elliot Teefey, through Mandy and her second husband, Brian Teefey, and Victoria "Tori" and Marcus Gomez, through Ricardo and his second wife, Sara. She earned her high-school diploma through homeschooling in May 2010.

Gomez was born when her mother was 16 years old. The family had financial troubles throughout Gomez's childhood, her mother struggling to provide for the pair. At one point, Gomez recalls that they had to search for quarters just to get gas for their car. Her mother later recalled that the two would frequently walk to their local dollar store to buy spaghetti for dinner. Gomez has said, "I was frustrated that my parents weren't together, and never saw the light at the end of the tunnel where my mom was working hard to provide a better life for me. I'm terrified of what I

(2013), yielded the international top-ten single "Come & Get It". Desiring more artistic freedom, Gomez moved to Interscope Records and released the electropop album Revival (2015), supported by the top-ten singles "Good for You", "Same Old Love", and "Hands to Myself". Its follow-up, the dance-pop-influenced Rare (2020), contained Gomez's first US Billboard Hot 100 number-one single "Lose You to Love Me". Gomez forayed into Spanish-language music with the EP Revelación (2021), which earned her a Grammy and a Latin Grammy Award nomination. She has released various collaborative singles throughout her career, including "We Don't Talk Anymore", "It Ain't Me", "Wolves", "Taki Taki", and "Calm Down (Remix)", the last of which is the most commercially successful Afrobeats song of all time.

Gomez is an established actress and television personality. Her films include Another Cinderella Story (2008), Ramona and Beezus (2010), Monte Carlo (2011), Spring Breakers (2012), The Fundamentals of Caring (2016), The Dead Don't Die (2019), A Rainy Day in New York (2019), and Emilia Pérez (2024). She voiced Mavis in the Hotel Transylvania film franchise (2012-2022). Gomez has produced series such as 13 Reasons Why (2017-2020), Living Undocumented (2019) and Selena + Chef (2020-2023), and stars in a lead role in Only Murders in the Building (2021-present), for which she earned nominations for Golden Globe and Emmy Awards. Her accolades include an American Music Award, a Billboard Music Award, a Cannes Film Festival Award, two MTV Video Music Awards, and 16 Guinness World Records.

In September 2020, Gomez launched her own makeup and cosmetics brand, Rare Beauty. The brand "instead of selling an unattainable image aims to help people feel good about themselves" by promoting inclusivity and mental health initiatives; it sells cruelty-free and vegan products packaged with recyclable materials. Rare Beauty was named as Time's most influential company of 2024. As of May 2024, the brand is valued at \$2 billion. In 2024, it was reported that Gomez had become a billionaire, with an estimated net worth of \$1.3 billion; Bloomberg News estimated that roughly 81% of it originated from Rare Beauty. As a philanthropist, Gomez has worked with charitable organizations. She advocates for mental health, and gender, racial, and LGBT equality, and has been a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador since 2009.

Early in her musical career, Gomez cited Bruno Mars as an influence for "his style of music, his style in general, the way he performs, the way he carries himself". Gomez has also cited Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears, Beyoncé, Rihanna, and Taylor Swift as influences. Gomez's debut solo album Stars Dance (2013) was prominently influenced by Spears, Swift, and EDM producer Skrillex; her second album, Revival, was mainly inspired by Aguilera's album Stripped (2002), as well as Janet Jackson and Spears. As a solo musician, Gomez released three studio albums that debuted atop the US Billboard 200. Her EDM-inspired debut record, Stars Dance

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SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 6

- THIS WEEK'S RESULTS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 Aldine Davis 10, Spring 7 Aldine Eisenhower 24, Aldine MacArthur 0 Galena Park 44, Houston Spring Woods 14 North Shore 48, Humble Kingwood 21 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 Aldine Nimitz 65, Aldine 0

- Barbers Hill 65, Baytown Sterling 7 C. E. King 48, Goose Creek Memorial 0 Crosby 28, Friendswood 14 Huffman Hargrave 38, Lumberton 7 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 Humble 49, Channelview 21 THIS WEEK'S GAMES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 Crosby at Kingwood Park, 7 p.m., Turner Stadium in Humble Dekaney at Aldine Davis, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston Goose Creek Memorial at North Shore, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 Barbers Hill at Port Arthur Memorial, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium in Port Arthur Baytown Lee, bye Huffman Hargrave at Vidor, 7:30 p.m., Ivan Croak Field at Pirate Stadium in Vidor Kingwood at Channelview, 7 p.m., Ray Madry Stadium in Channelview MacArthur at Aldine, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston Summer Creek at C. E. King, 7 p.m., Sheldon ISD Panther Stadium in Houston Waltrip at Galena Park, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston West Brook at Baytown Sterling, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 Spring at Aldine Eisenhower, 6 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston

# Crosby ISD Promotes Kindness and Literacy with Anti-Bullying and "Pages for Pizza" Campaigns,

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earn free pizza the more books they read. First and second grade are critical development stages as students are \*learning to read\* before transitioning to \*reading to learn\* in third grade and beyond. Mr. Clarence Howell, the owner of Marco's Pizza in Crosby, came to us wanting to give back to our communities. We dreamed up "Pages for Pizza" as a win-win for our students. We are excited about hosting kickoff rallies at each campus encouraging students to earn one of their favorite things: free pizza!

October is a busy month of celebrations! It's National Principals Month as we celebrate the leaders of our eight campuses, including three Crosby High School alumni! October 2 was School Custodian Appreciation Day, although we appreciate them each and every day! October 5 was World Teachers' Day, while October 6 was National Coaches Day. We know our teachers and coaches make a world of difference in the lives of our students. What's more? Did you know that this year's coaching ranks feature eight Crosby High School alumni? Not only that, but approximately one out of every five Crosby ISD staff members is also a proud graduate. We love seeing alumni pay it forward by pouring into our current students. In fact, many of our teachers

and coaches spend more time with their students than they do with their own families, and we say thank you!

Speaking of history, I was proud to attend the grand opening of the Crosby Area Museum of History on September 21. Crosby High School alumna Mrs. Donna Davenport and the rest of the board of the Crosby Historical Society have done amazing work over the last four years transforming the building at Pecan and Runneburg. The building is part of what was Crosby High School from 1957 through the mid-1970's. Crosby ISD now rents the building to the Crosby Historical Society for \$1 a year on a 99-year lease. We know it's a wise investment! The museum is 1500 square feet, and it's filled with artifacts from 1823 onward, celebrating 200 years of Crosby history. There is a section dedicated to Crosby ISD and filled with red and white memorabilia. I am honored to have my portrait on the wall marking my tenure as the current superintendent. It warms my heart to know that there is also a photograph of Dr. Don Hendrix, the longest-serving superintendent in district history. Dr. Hendrix was not only the superintendent when I was enrolled as a student in Crosby ISD, but he was also leading the district



October is a busy month of celebrations. October 2 was School Custodian Appreciation Day. Crosby ISD custodial and maintenance team members are seen here posing for a photograph at Cougar Stadium.

when I started my teaching career here! At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, we shared a few facts with the crowd. Crosby ISD was created in 1919. In one century, Crosby has grown exponentially, from 325 residents in 1925 to more than 32,000 in the 2020 census. Just a month ago, the district welcomed our 7000th student! We know that we'll keep growing, and it's nice to know that Crosby history is held dear in such a special place.

We are Committed to Excellence! Go Coogs!



Superintendent Patterson shares some interesting Crosby ISD history during the grand opening of the Crosby Area Museum of History. The district recently topped 7,000 in student enrollment. Inside the museum is a section dedicated to Crosby ISD through the years.



Crosby Historical Society's Mrs. Donna Davenport stands with Crosby ISD Superintendent Mrs. Paula Patterson in front of the brand-new mural outside the Crosby Area Museum of History. The museum showcasing 200 years of Crosby history opened to fanfare on September 21.



Crosby ISD will celebrate Unity Day on October 16. It's a day to showcase the district's stand against bullying. This painting from Crosby Middle School features student handprints in orange and lettering that reads: "The End of Bullying Starts With YOU!"

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Attorney for the Estate

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
CROSBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 5, 2024

A general election shall be held for and within the Crosby Independent School District on November 5, 2024, between 7am and 7pm, for the purpose of electing three trustees for terms in Positions 1, 6 (At-Large), and 7.

Early Voting

Early voting will begin on Monday, October 21, 2024, and continue through Friday, November 1, 2024, and will be held at the following times:

Early Voting Times

Table with 2 columns: Date and Time. Rows include Monday, October 21 - Saturday, October 26; Sunday, October 27; Monday, October 28 - Wednesday, October 30; Thursday, October 31; Friday, November 1.

Early Voting Locations

Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Rd., Crosby, TX, 77532
NRG Arena, Hall D, 1 NRG Parkway, Houston, TX, 77054

Additional early voting locations may be found on the Harris County website at www.harrisvotes.com or the Crosby ISD website at www.crosbyisd.org.

Election Day

Election Day is November 5, 2024. Voting will be held from 7am-7pm on November 5, 2024, at the following locations:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Precinct No. Rows include NRG Arena, Crosby Kindergarten Center, Charles R. Drew Elementary, Crosby Community Center, Harris Co WCID 70, Newport Elementary School, Riley Chambers Community Center.

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5 de noviembre de 2024

Se llevará a cabo una elección general para y dentro del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Crosby el 5 de noviembre de 2024, entre las 7 a.m. y las 7 p.m., con el propósito de elegir a tres miembros del consejo para los puestos 1, 6 (General) y 7.

Votación Anticipada

La votación anticipada comenzará el lunes 21 de octubre de 2024 y continuará hasta el viernes 1 de noviembre de 2024, y se llevará a cabo en los siguientes horarios:

Horario de Votación Anticipada

Table with 2 columns: Date and Time. Rows include Lunes 21 al sábado 26 de octubre; Domingo 27 de octubre; Lunes 28 a Miércoles 30 de octubre; Jueves 31 de octubre; Viernes, 1 de noviembre.

Lugares de Votación Anticipada

Centro Comunitario de Crosby, 409 Hare Rd., Crosby, TX, 77532
NRG Arena, Pabellón D, 1 NRG Parkway, Houston, TX, 77054

Puede encontrar más lugares de votación anticipada en el sitio web del condado de Harris en www.harrisvotes.com o en el sitio web del ISD de Crosby en www.crosbyisd.org.

Día de las Elecciones

El Día de las Elecciones es el 5 de noviembre de 2024. La votación tendrá lugar de 7am-7pm horas el 5 de noviembre de 2024, en los siguientes lugares:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Precinct No., and District No. Rows include NRG Arena, Crosby Kindergarten Center, Charles R. Drew Elementary, Centro Comunitario de Crosby, Harris Co WCID 70, Newport Elementary School, Centro Comunitario Riley Chambers.

Voto por Correo

Las solicitudes de voto por correo se enviarán a Harris County Elections Department, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX, 77251-1148 por correo ordinario, o por mensajería común. Tenga en cuenta que la ley ha cambiado. Para ser efectiva, una solicitud de voto por correo enviada por fax o correo electrónico también debe ser enviada por correo y ser recibida por el secretario de votación anticipada a más tardar el cuarto (4º) día hábil después de que se reciba la transmisión por fax o correo electrónico. (TEC 84.007). Correo electrónico: vbm@harrisvotes.com. Fax: 713-755-4983. También puede ponerse en contacto con el Departamento Electoral del Condado de Harris por teléfono llamando al 713-755-6965. El formulario de solicitud puede descargarse de la página web del condado de Harris: https://www.harrisvotes.com/voter/vote-by-mail. Las solicitudes de Voto por Correo (ABBM) deben recibirse antes del cierre de las oficinas el 25 de octubre de 2024. Las Tarjetas Federales de Solicitud (FPCA) deben recibirse antes del cierre de las oficinas el 25 de octubre de 2024.

一般性選舉公告
克羅斯比獨立學區
2024年11月5日

克羅斯比獨立學區將於2024年11月5日早上7點至晚上7點舉行一般性選舉，選舉三名受託人，分別為第1席位、第6席位（全區席次）以及第7席位。

提前投票

提前投票將於2024年10月21日星期一開始，並持續至2024年11月1日星期五，投票時間如下

提前投票時間

Table with 2 columns: Date and Time. Rows include 10月21日週一 - 10月26日週六; 10月27日週日; 10月28日週一 - 10月30日週三; 10月31日週四; 11月01日週五.

提前投票地點

Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Rd., Crosby, TX, 77532
NRG Arena, Hall D, 1 NRG Parkway, Houston, TX, 77054

其他提前投票地點可在哈里斯縣網站 www.harrisvotes.com 或克羅斯比獨立學區網站 www.crosbyisd.org 查詢。

選舉日

選舉日為2024年11月5日。2024年11月5日的投票時間為早上7點至晚上7點，投票地點如下：

Table with 2 columns: Location and Precinct No. Rows include NRG Arena, Crosby Kindergarten Center, Charles R. Drew Elementary, Crosby Community Center, Harris Co WCID 70, Newport Elementary School, Riley Chambers Community Center.

郵寄選票

郵寄選票申請應寄至：Harris County Elections Department, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX, 77251-1148, 使用普通郵件或一般合約承包快遞寄送。請注意，法律已經更改。若要保證申請有效，通過傳真或電子郵件提交的郵寄選票申請必須同時以郵寄方式提交，郵寄申請必須在提前投票主任收到傳真或電子郵件的四個（4）工作日內收到。（TEC 84.007）。電子郵件：vbm@harrisvotes.com。傳真：713-755-4983。也可以通過電話號碼713-755-6965聯繫哈里斯縣選舉部。申請表格可從哈里斯縣網站下載：https://www.harrisvotes.com/voter/vote-by-mail。郵寄選票申請（ABBM）必須在2024年10月25日結束營業前收到。聯邦郵政卡申請（FPCA

THÔNG BÁO VỀ CUỘC TỔNG TUYỂN CỬ
HỌC KHU ĐỘC LẬP CROSBY
Ngày 5 tháng Mười Một, 2024

Cuộc tổng tuyển cử sẽ được tổ chức cho và trong Học Khu Độc Lập Crosby từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối ngày 5 tháng Mười Một, 2024, với mục đích bầu ra ba người ủy thác cho nhiệm kỳ ở Vị Trí 1, 6 (Toàn Khu Vực) và 7.

Bỏ Phiếu Sớm

Bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ bắt đầu vào Thứ Hai, ngày 21 tháng Mười, 2024 và tiếp tục đến Thứ Sáu, ngày 1 tháng Mười Một, 2024 vào các khung giờ sau:

Thời Gian Bỏ Phiếu Sớm

Table with 2 columns: Date and Time. Rows include Thứ Hai, ngày 21 tháng Mười - Thứ Bảy, ngày 26 tháng Mười; Chủ Nhật, ngày 27 tháng Mười; Thứ Hai, ngày 28 tháng Mười - Thứ Tư, ngày 30 tháng Mười; Thứ năm, ngày 31 tháng Mười; Thứ sáu, ngày 1 tháng Mười Một.

Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Sớm

Trung Tâm Cộng Đồng Crosby, 409 Hare Rd., Crosby, TX, 77532
NRG Arena, Hall D, 1 NRG Parkway, Houston, TX, 77054

Quý vị có thể xem các địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm khác trên trang web của Quận Harris tại www.harrisvotes.com hoặc trang web của Crosby ISD tại www.crosbyisd.org.

Ngày Bầu Cử

Ngày Bầu Cử là ngày 5 tháng Mười Một, 2024. Hoạt động bỏ phiếu sẽ được tổ chức từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối ngày 5 tháng Mười Một, 2024 tại các địa điểm sau:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Precinct No. Rows include NRG Arena, Crosby Kindergarten Center, Charles R. Drew Elementary, Crosby Community Center, Harris Co WCID 70, Newport Elementary School, Riley Chambers Community Center.

Bỏ Phiếu Qua Thư

Đơn xin bỏ phiếu qua thư phải được gửi qua đường bưu điện đến: Harris County Elections Department, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX, 77251-1148 qua đường bưu điện thông thường hoặc qua dịch vụ chuyển phát nhanh theo hợp đồng thông thường. Xin lưu ý, luật đã thay đổi. Để có hiệu lực, đơn xin bỏ phiếu qua thư được gửi qua Fax hoặc Email cũng phải được gửi qua đường bưu điện và được nhân viên phụ trách bỏ phiếu sớm nhận được trễ nhất vào ngày làm việc thứ tư (ngày thứ 4) sau khi nhận được đơn gửi qua fax hoặc email. (TEC 84.007). E-mail: vbm@harrisvotes.com. Fax: 713-755-4983. Quý vị cũng có thể liên hệ với Ban Bầu Cử Quận Harris qua số điện thoại 713-755-6965. Quý vị có thể tải mẫu đơn từ trang web của Quận Harris tại https://www.harrisvotes.com/voter/vote-by-mail. Đơn Xin Bỏ Phiếu Qua Thư (Applications for Ballots by Mail, ABBM) phải nhận được trễ nhất vào cuối giờ làm việc ngày 25 tháng Mười, 2024. Đơn Dạng Bưu Thiếp Liên Bang (Federal Post Card Application, FPCA) phải nhận được trễ nhất vào cuối giờ làm việc ngày 25 tháng Mười, 2024.



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